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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: OREP (HUNTER, ROBERT/BATES, ROBERT)

1. DURING CONVERSATION AFTER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
ON MORNING APRIL 16 AMBASSADOR MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT SAMORA
MACHEL THAT KENNEDY AIDES, ROBERT BATES AND ROBERT HUNTER,
HOPED TO VISIT MAPUTO EARLY NEXT WEEK AND HAD EXPRESSED IN-
TEREST IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. MACHEL REACTED POSITIVELY
TO MENTION OF BET OR NAME, WHOM HE KNEW, INDICATED THAT HE
WELCOMED VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM, BUT HIS SCHEDULE
WAS VERY CROWDED AS RESULT KAUNDA STATE VISIT. #

2. AFTERNOON OF APRIL 16, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INFORMED
EMBOFFS THAT VISAS FOR BATES AND HUNTER HAD BEEN APPROVED AND
THAT THEY WERE PREPARING A SCHEDULE FOR STAFFDEL WHICH MIGHT
INCLUDE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL. FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED STRONG DESIRE THAT TEAM
REMAIN IN MAPUTO UNTIL ATLEAST APRIL 22 AND IF POSSIBLE UNTIL
THE 23RD, IF SO, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS INDICATED THEY
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COULD ARRANGE USEFUL PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE (DEPENDING

UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY) MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ARMANDO PANGUENE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR ARMANDO GUEBUZA, MINISTER OF HEALTH HELDER MARTINS, JANET MONDLANE, AND PERHAPS A FEW OTHERS. OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTRY STRESSED THAT AS BATES/HUNTER VISIT CURRENTLY STANDS (ARRIVING EVENING OF APRIL 20 AND DEPARTING FOLLOWING AFTERNOON), MINISTRY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WORK UP AS INTERESTING A SCHEDULE AS STAFF-DEL MIGHT LIKE.

3. EMBASSY URGES BATES AND HUNTER STAY LONGER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR EMBASSY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH STAFF DEL AND FOR BATES AND HUNTER TO MEET WITH GREATER NUMBER OF MOZAMBIKAN OFFICIALS. EMBASSY COULD ALSO ARRANGE USEFUL MEETINGS WITH UNHCR REPS WHO ARE IN TOUCH WITH ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. IF UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT STAFF-DEL WOULD GET TO MEET MANY ZIMBABWE LEADERS SINCE MOST ARE CONVOKING LUSAKA WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-18 FOR BIG MEETING.

4. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST YOUR PLANS AND WE WILL PROCEED IN CONJUNCTIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ARRANGE EXPANDED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES.

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